

only by foliage, was not described in Michaux's *Flora Boreali-Americana*, and in the herbarium the sheet had been left among the unnamed specimens following those which formed the basis for the *Flora*. The label, "in the bogs of Batiscan," gives the desired clue to the date of collection, for on the 14th of July, 1792, Michaux botanized in the bogs at Batiscan (in Champlain Co., Quebec) and there collected some very characteristic bog plants. His journal of that date reads: "Le 14 herborisé a 8 li. de distance des Trois Riv. dit Batiscan; plus bas *Andromeda polifolia*, *Kalmia glauca*, *angustifolia*; *Azalea glauca* [?], *Ledum palustre* [groenlandicum], *Comarum*" ¹ Whether or not Michaux's material of *Salix balsamifera* gathered in 1792 is the earliest collection of the species, which is not improbable (although this willow is common in eastern Newfoundland and various regions of eastern Canada whence early collections of plants were carried to Europe), it is obvious that his material was collected thirty-one years earlier than Little's specimen from the White Mountains, the specimen which has so often been cited as the earliest collection of the species.

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¹ Journal of André Michaux, 1787–1796, ed. C. S. Sargent (Proc. Am. Phil. Soc. xxvi. no. 129) p. 72 (1888).

² Forest Physiography. Physiography of the United States and Principles of Soils in Relation to Forestry, by Isaiah Bowman, Ph.D. 8vo. xxii–759 pp. 292 figs. and 6 plates. Cloth, \$5.00 net. New York. John Wiley & Sons.